

Social and Personal.

POEMS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Professor Charles Eliot Norton.

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A Woman's Last Word.

By ROBERT BROWNING.



BROWNING'S place in literature is not yet fixed. However, it may be said that there is a strong character behind everything he wrote. He had also the power of making a marvellous variety of rhymes, the ability to tell old stories in new ways, new stories in new ways, and a deep insight into common life. Often obscure, he is never uninteresting. To appreciate him fully one must be a student of art and letters, or at least have a great affinity for the best culture of the ages. Browning did not try to catch the popular ear. He wrote what he liked to write, and kept at it regardless of scorn or jest. Result: He has left many poems which attentive readers will fondly cherish. Other selections from Browning, his portrait, autograph and biographical sketch have already been printed in this series.

LET'S contend no more, Love,
Strive nor weep;
All be as before, Love,
—Only sleep!

What so wild as words are?
I and thou
In debate, as birds are,
Hawk on bough!

See the creature stalking
While we speak!
Hush and hide the talking,
Check on cheek.

What so false as truth is,
False to thee?
Where the serpent's tooth is,
Shun the tree—

Where the apple reddens,
Never pry—
Lest we lose our Edens,
Eve and I.

Be a god, and hold me
With a charm!
Be: man, and fold me
With thine arm!

Teach me, only teach, Love!
As I ought
I will speak thy speech, Love,
Think thy thought—

Meet, if thou require it,
Both demands,
Laying flesh and spirit
In thy hands.

That shall be to-morrow,
Not to-night:
I must bury sorrow
Out of sight:

—Must a little weep, Love,
(Foolish me!)
And so fall asleep, Love,
Loved by thee.



This series began in The Times-Dispatch Sunday, October 11, 1903. One is published each day.

In the wild March morning of life, my child,
In the wild March morning of life,
Ere the heart from its impulse is freed,<
My child,
And the soul has ceased its strife,
There comes to the spirit a touch,
My child,
From a hand that is fair and white,
And falls as the rose petals fall,
My child,
In the blue of a summer's night.

And the hand that is fair, and white,
My child,
Is the hand of the spirit of life,
That touches with mystic might,
My child,
And wakens and fills with life,
And the wild March morning of life,
My child,
Is the hand of the spirit of life,
That touches with mystic might,
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Gray—West.

A beautiful wedding was celebrated last evening in the home of Captain W. T. West, superintendent of the Richmond division of the Southern Railway, when his daughter, Miss Ella Miller West, became the bride of Mr. Charles Wesley Gray, the son of Mr. Richard L. Gray, of Winchester, Va., but for some years connected with the Illinois Central Railway and having his present home in Memphis, Tenn.

The bride came in with her father, Captain William T. West, and was met at the altar by the groom and his best man, Mr. S. A. Neale, of this city. She wore a lovely gown of white crepe de chine over tulle, and carried a shower bouquet of bride roses. The maid of honor, Miss Ada Chalkley, wore white point d'esprit. Her flowers were maiden hair ferns. Two of the bride's brothers, Mr. Leslie C. West of Danville, Va., and Mr. William T. West, Jr., of Richmond, were the ushers.

A reception followed the wedding at which a number of out-of-town guests, including the groom's father, Mr. Richard L. West, of Winchester, Va., and a number of friends from the island, Washington, D. C., and North Carolina, were present. The young couple, who will be at home in Memphis after September 12th, were the recipients of many elegant and beautiful gifts. It is a matter of great regret to the many friends of Mrs. Gray in Richmond that the future home will take her from the midst of Richmond society, where she has always been so highly and so sincerely esteemed.

Peyton—Woolfolk.

At 6:30 P. M. yesterday, the wedding of Miss Sue Parke Woolfolk to Mr. Charles Gunther Peyton, of Charleston, W. Va., was celebrated in Monumental Episcopal Church, the pastor, the Rev. Dr. William E. Denny, being the celebrant.

The altar and chancel of the church were covered in white and the altar was handsomely adorned with palms and ferns. The wedding march was played by the organ and the bride and groom, during the reading of the marriage service, Schubert's Serenade and Hearts and Flowers were charmingly rendered. The bride, exquisitely gowned in white crepe de chine, with tulle veil, and carrying a coronation bouquet of lilies of the valley, was attended by her maid of honor, Miss Ethel Nelson Wood, who had on a lovely costume of white mousseline over silk, profusely trimmed with bows and lace. Her shower of maiden hair ferns was tied with green gauze ribbon.

Mr. Clarke Thompson, of Roncoverte, was best man, and the ushers included Mr. Keith D. Zuercher, Mr. Walter Sherr, Mr. Bernard Peyton, of Charleston, W. Va., and Mr. Guy Baisden, of this city.

Among those who were present at the ceremony were the bride's mother, Mrs. T. Lewis Peyton of Woolfolk, who wore a becoming toilet of black crepe de chine; her brother, Mr. Pheggo Woolfolk; Mrs. Richard Shipley, of Maryland; Mr. W. G. Bramham, of Durham, N. C., and Miss Arlene Hardin, of Appomattox, Va. After their wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Peyton will make their home at Carbon, near Charleston, West Va. Mr. Peyton, who is the son of Colonel C. S. Peyton, of Roncoverte, being connected in business with the West Virginia Carbon Coal Company. Mrs. Peyton, who is a young girl of charming personality, is the daughter of the late E. P. Woolfolk, for many years a well known Richmond resident. The social position of the young couple and their extended family connection render the wedding a matter of much interest in Richmond, Virginia and West Virginia.

Gilliss—Carter.

The little village church at The Plains, Fauquier county, Va., was the scene of a most attractive wedding on yesterday afternoon, when Miss Isabel Thurston Carter, of Fauquier, became the bride of the Rev. W. W. Gilliss, of New York city.

The Rev. J. J. Norwood, rector of the Sacred Church, The Plains, pronounced the sacred words which united the happy pair, and the ceremony was witnessed by a host of admiring friends from throughout that section of the State. The church, which was tastefully and beautifully decorated in white and green, was filled to overflowing, many having to content themselves with witnessing the entrance and exit of the bridal party from the church yard.

The bride, gowned in French batiste with garniture of real lace, wore a tulle veil caught with pearls, and carried a shower bouquet of bride roses and lilies of the valley. She entered the church with her brother, Mr. E. Henderson Carter, of Alexandria, Va., who gave her away.

The bridesmaids, wearing white chiffon, with pink girdles, and carrying pink asters were: Miss Helen Gilliss, of Washington, D. C., sister of the groom; Miss Lella Livingston Rogers, of Dilcott City, Md.; Miss Jean Clarkson, of Haymarket, Va.; Miss Jennie Beverley, of Broad Run, Va.; Miss Edith Carter, of Mount Jackson, Va., and Misses Rebecca McGill, Frances Fleming and Della Slaughter, of "The Plains." Miss Emily G. Carter, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and little Misses Isabel Ravenel, niece of the bride; Lucy Turner, Mary Turner and Mary Foster, acted as flower girls.

Mr. Charles Gilliss, of Washington, D. C., was best man, and the following gentlemen were ushers: Mr. George M. Carter, brother of the bride; Mr. Walter Clarkson and Dr. Norris, of Washington, D. C.; the Rev. William N. Colton, of New York; the Rev. Charles Ackley, of New York; Dr. Lewellyn Powell, of Alexandria, Va., and Messrs. John St. Gill and Ward Boswell, of "The Plains."

After the ceremony a sumptuous reception was held at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Isabel B. Carter, and Mrs. Gilliss left on the afternoon train for New York city, where they will remain for a few days before going to their future home in New York city, where Mr. Gilliss is engaged in mission work in connection with the pro-Cathedral.

The only shadow surrounding the joyous event is that cast by the loss of Mr. Carter from the country, where his attractive personality and untiring good work has made him a presence felt by all classes, and the community at large feels that Mr. Gilliss's gain and New York's gain is their loss irreparably.

Her many friends in Richmond and throughout the State will join Pauline in wishing the happy couple a life of unalloyed bliss, and that the evening of their lives may find the sun of their happiness still at its meridian.

Miss Burwell's Engagement.

Mrs. Lewis W. Burwell announces the engagement of her daughter, Mary Meade, to Mr. Edwin C. Laird, the marriage to take place in October.

The fact that Miss Burwell and Mr. Laird are both extremely well known and popular, increases the announcement with a marked degree of interest.

Moore—Atkins.

The marriage of Miss Mayme Atkins to Mr. Robert H. Moore, of Petersburg, will take place Thursday, September 15th, at 6 P. M., in the bride's home, No. 519 North Twenty-sixth Street, the Rev. C. E. Hunter officiating.

Miss Atkins is the daughter of the late J. V. Atkins. Mr. Moore is a life-long resident of the mercantile business in Petersburg.

Passenger and Power Picnic.

Westhampton Park will be the objective point for a large gathering Friday next, September 9th, who will enjoy an old-fashioned basket picnic.

Provision will be made for bachelors, unless they prefer to lunch with friends. The merchants have donated handsome prizes for the men's, women's and children's contests.

At 8 o'clock in the evening an entertainment with music and recitations will be given in the pavilion. All through the day Thilow's Orchestra will render popular selections.

Miss Ward's Engagement.

The Winchester Evening News of yesterday says:

An engagement of considerable interest, which has recently been announced in Winchester, is that of Miss Belle Knight Ward to Mr. John Randolph Graham, both of Winchester.

Miss Ward is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Ward, of Baltimore, but has made her home since her girlhood with her relative, Dr. and Mrs. Julia F. Ward, of Winchester, where she is very popular and considered most attractively.

Dr. Graham, who is a great-grandnephew of John Randolph, of Roanoke, and a graduate of Princeton University in the class of 1886, is the son of Rev. Dr. James R. Graham, the venerable and beloved Presbyterian minister and theologian, who was for many years the pastor of the old Kent Street Presbyterian Church, and who is now the pastor emeritus of the Presbyterian Church in Winchester.

For several years past, Dr. Graham has been making his home in New York city, where he is successfully engaged in the practice of medicine. His marriage will continue to live after his marriage.

The wedding will be celebrated Wednesday, September 28th, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Ward, on South Washington Street, and the Rev. Dr. James R. Graham, the father of the groom, and the Rev. Nelson Sage Denny, rector of Christ Episcopal Church, this city, will be the officiating clergymen.

Virginia Weddings.

Mr. J. Baldwin Ransom, a popular young member of the Staunton bar, is to be married to-day to Miss Jane S. Brown, daughter of Judge Thompson Brown, of Nelson county.

The marriage of Miss Lucie Ashton, of King George county, to Mr. Preston H. Luck, of Middleburg, is announced to take place on October 5th.

Miss Ashton is a sister of Mrs. William H. Barksdale, of Falls Church. Mr. Luck is a son of Dr. S. P. Luck, of Loudoun county.

Mrs. Mildred C. Easley, of Lynchburg, Va., has issued invitations to the wedding of her daughter, Miss Mildred, to Mr. William Bouldin Lee, the event is to take place on September 11th, at 9 o'clock P. M., in St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Invitations have been issued to the marriage of Miss Ora D. Hite, of South to take place on October 1st, at 10 o'clock P. M., in St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

At the wedding of Crown Prince Frederick William, of Germany, and the Duchess Cecillia, of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, will take place in Berlin, where the wedding of the royal families can be entertained better than at the bride's home. The marriage will probably take place early in the new year.

One wing of the royal palace at Hannover has been undergoing reconstruction for a year, and is now being refurbished and redecorated sumptuously. Train loads of costly paintings, Gobelin's and tapestries have been deposited behind the palace gates, and the Hanoverians are convinced that Crown Prince Frederick William after his marriage will be promoted and transferred from the First Garde de Corps to the Royal Uhlans regiment stationed at Hannover, and will be assigned the palace there as a residence.

Birthday Picnic.

Mr. Melville E. Ingals, who is spending the season in his cottage at Hot Springs, Va., celebrated his sixty-second birthday Tuesday, at Flag Rock, the highest point in the vicinity of the Hot, and one country, a beautiful view of the adjacent country.

Besides his sons, daughters and several grandchildren, many friends came for the day, making a party of thirty.

Several made the seven mile trip on horseback. Cakes were taken along, and a supper of fried chicken and corn bread was prepared on the mountain top. Master Collins, of Boston, offered a toast that was in the nature of a brief post-prandial speech, and much impressed those present. After the return, members of the party drank to Mr. Ingals's health in the Homestead Hotel.

Riding astride among the equestriennes at the Hot has come into fashion, those who have forsaken an old horse for a new and enjoy the chase, including Miss Brooks of New York; Miss Queen Rumsey and Miss Elma Rumsey, of St. Louis.

The Rev. John G. Scott and his sister, gave their farewell reception Tuesday, assisted by Miss Grace Cunningham, of this city. The pleasant party at the Scott cottage has been broken up and Miss Scott and Miss Cunningham will return home to-day.

Personal Mention.

Mr. George Wilson, of Pittsburg, Pa., formerly of Richmond, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Richard M. Anderson, at No. 226 East Grace Street.

Miss Rebecca Walker, Miss Rose Satterfield and Miss Lambert were among the dancers at a delightful garden party given by the Kewick Hunt Club recently.

The many friends of Mr. David Simpson will regret to know that he is quite sick at his home, No. 206 Randolph Street, with fever.

Mrs. C. K. Lassiter, of New York, who has been the guest of friends in Richmond, will return to New York, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Moore, of Portsmouth, Va.

Miss Loretta Jefferson, a daughter of Thomas Jefferson, and a granddaughter of Joseph Jefferson, who is not yet out of her teens, will make her debut with her father on September 14th at Lebanon, Pa., in the role of Menie, in a play called "The Sign of the Cross." Jefferson begins her professional appearance as she will represent the sixth generation of Jeffersons who have been in their time actors before the public.

Mrs. Q. T. Humphries returned to her home in England last Monday, accompanied by her friends, Mrs. George W. Smith, Miss Lillian Meaney and Mr. E. H. Hubbard, of this city.

Miss Maude Starke, who is visiting friends in Fredericksburg, Va., participated in the pleasures of a launch party given last Monday evening by a number of young gentlemen in Fredericksburg on the naphtha launch "Inez."

The annual fair for the benefit of Nassau county hospital will be held September 24th and 25th, at the residence of Mrs. A. J. Long, at Harbor Hill, Roslyn, Long Island, September 24th. Society is warmly interested, and Harbor Hill will be transformed into a bazaar of big big booths, with gaudy arrays of colored draperies and twinkling lights will be arranged about the grounds. In the center will be a wild jungle scene, in the midst of which will be a fortune teller and her band of retainers. There will be a room with dolls, and a room with white and green, and a carnival of national costumes of those participating representing the national dress of every country in the world. Music and refreshments have also been provided for.

The Norfolk Landmark of yesterday contained the following item of interest:

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Centenary Methodist Church has made a most successful contribution to the cause of foreign missions in the person of one of its brightest young members, Miss Mary Lou White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther W. White, of this city, who has consecrated her life to the work of carrying the gospel to the heathen in China. Miss White left yesterday afternoon for Chefoo, England, and will be on her way for Kansas City, Mo., where she will enter the Scarratt training school for one year to thoroughly equip herself for the foreign missionary work. At the expression of twelve months she will go to China, where she will devote her life to the conversion of the heathen to Christ and His gospel.

Mrs. Hunter McGuire and Mrs. Edward McGuire are now visiting Mrs. A. T. Robertson in Staunton. Mrs. Edward McGuire's home at the corner of Fifth and Grand Streets, has been repainted during her absence and looks very fresh and pretty.

Lord and Lady Sligo have arrived in this country and are staying at Newport with Mrs. J. W. Wheelwright, at the Munchingham country cottage. Lord and Lady Sligo spent more than thirty years in India as a member of the civil service there, succeeded to his brother's marquessate only a few months ago.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Balmer, who have been visiting their sister, Mrs. George W. Richardson, at Marion, Va., have returned to Wytheville. Their Richmond friends will be pleased to learn that Mr. Balmer's health is greatly improved.

Mrs. Sidney Gary and his grandson, Master John Gary, are visiting Mr. James Morley in Charlottesville.

Mrs. William F. Spotswood, the Misses Spotswood, Mr. Robert T. Meade, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Sall, Mrs. H. V. L. Bird and six young ladies were members of a Potluck party given Tuesday for the St. Louis Exposition.

Mrs. H. L. Hurt has returned to Crewe, Va., after visiting friends in this city.

Miss Virginia Spitzer, who has been the York for her winter in New York for two months, is now with her father, Captain A. Spitzer, of Norfolk.

Mrs. M. F. Hughes and daughter, Miss Minnie, are the guests of Mrs. Pugh in Charlottesville.

Mr. William Waldorf Astor was in New York yesterday from England, on board the Albatross. He will remain only a few days in this country, as he is returning almost immediately to London for the marriage of his only surviving daughter, which takes place there at the end of this month.

Mrs. Frederick Dent Grant will remain at Washington until the army maneuvers at Manassas are over, and will then go with the general to New York, preparing to take up her residence with her son on Governor's Island.

Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish's "scarlet ball" is the most important recent social event at Newport, Rhode Island. The ball was given at Mrs. Fish's villa, and the decorations consisted of green, of green, green garlands and a profusion of scarlet flowers, from which the ball took its name. The drive was lined on either side with quantities of autumnal blossoms. The main hall was decorated with garlands of green, entwined with white rope and scarlet flowers, while there was a horseshoe standing over the high top of the main hall, the orchestra was stationed. The favors for the cotton were in the form of a horseshoe.

The cotton was led by Elisha Dyer, Jr., dancing with Mrs. Fish. The guests at the ball numbered about 240, and it was voted one of the most enjoyable affairs of the season.

Mrs. Garrett Wall and family have returned to Richmond after a visit to Maryland, Ky., and a season spent at the Old Sweet Springs.

Miss Mary W. Lewis is the guest of friends in Danville. Ky. Judge and Mrs. Lewis are at the home of Mrs. Lewis at Hot Springs and the Greenbrier White Sulphur.

Mrs. W. H. Perkins and Miss Bell Perkins have returned to the city. Miss Grace Perkins, who spent the summer with relatives in Cincinnati, will return to "Sunnyside," Mr. Carrington's school for girls, near Clarksville, Va. Miss Virginia White, of Virginia, is visiting "Sunnyside," and several other Richmond girls will attend this select institution for young girls.

Miss Flora and Miss Jean Cameron, the daughters of Colonel and Mrs. Alexander Cameron, will sail from New York next week to spend the winter with their aunt, Miss Elizabeth Cameron.

Mrs. Calvin Whiteley has leased the house formerly occupied by Mrs. McLeod, on West Franklin Street, and will occupy it this winter.

Mrs. J. J. Crutchfield, No. 112 North Main, is planning to spend the winter in Florida, and will return to the World's Fair.

FALL PROVES FATAL.

Man Injured at New Cathedral Succumbs to Injuries.

George L. Clark, an iron worker, of Marietta, O., who a short time ago fell from the dome of the new cathedral and sustained serious injuries, passed away at the Virginia Hospital yesterday morning.

Clark's injuries amounted to a broken back, but it was thought that he would recover. Complications set in, however, and the injured man went off rather suddenly.

The remains were taken to the undertaking establishment of Chappell, awaiting instructions from the home of the deceased.

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GOOD LUCK

MAKES BREAD THAT FATTENS

BAKING POWDER.

CHAPTER II.—Continued.

The youth's pale face flushed with the pride of the skilled workman. "Yes, good father," he answered. "Thanks to good bread, I have learned to carve in wood and in ivory, and can do something also in silver and in bronze. From brother Francis I have learned to paint on vellum, on glass, and on metal, with a knowledge of those pigments and essences which can preserve the color again, damp or a biting air. Brother Luke hath given me some skill in metal work, and in the enamelling of shrines, tabernacles, diptychs and triptychs. For the rest, I know a little of the making of covers, the cutting of precious stones, and the fashioning of instruments."

"A goodly list, truly," cried the superior with a smile. "What clerk of Cambridge or of Oxford could say as much? But of thy reading—hast not so much to show there, I fear?"

"No, father, I have been slight enough. Yet, thanks to our good chancel color wood and in ivory, and can do something also in silver and in bronze. From brother Francis I have learned to paint on vellum, on glass, and on metal, with a knowledge of those pigments and essences which can preserve the color again, damp or a biting air. Brother Luke hath given me some skill in metal work, and in the enamelling of shrines, tabernacles, diptychs and triptychs. For the rest, I know a little of the making of covers, the cutting of precious stones, and the fashioning of instruments."

"But of thy things of this world, what have you gathered from your reading? From this high window you may catch a glimpse over the wooded point and the smoke of Buckleburgh, of the mouth of the Exe, and the shining sea. Now, I pray you, Alleyn, if a man were to take a ship and spread sail across yonder waters, where might he hope to arrive?"

The youth pondered, and drew a plan amongst the rushes with the point of his staff. "Holy father," said he, "he would come upon those parts of France which are held by the King of Majorca. But if he landed in the south he might reach Spain and the Barbary States. To his north would be Flanders and the country of the Eastlanders and of the Muscovites."

"True. And how, if, after reaching the

King's possessions, he still journeyed on to the eastward?"

"He would then come upon that part of France which is still in dispute, the city of Avignon, where dwells our blessed father, the prop of Christendom."

"And then?"

"Then he would pass through the land of the Almaine and the great Roman Empire, and so to the country of the Hung and of the Lithuanian pagans, beyond which lies the great city of Constantinople and the kingdom of the unclean followers of Mahomud."

"And beyond that, fair son?"

"Beyond that is Jerusalem and the Holy land, and the great river which hath its source in the Garden of Eden."

"Nay, good father, I cannot tell. Methinks the end of the world is not far from there."

"Then we can still find something to teach thee, Alleyn," said the Abbot complacently. "Know that many strange nations lie betwixt there and the end of the world. There is the country of the Amazons, and the country of the dwarfs, and the country of the fair but evil women who slay with beholding, like the basilisk. Beyond that again is the kingdom of Prester John and of the great Cham. These things I know for very sooth, for I had them from that Most Christian and valiant knight, Sir John de Mandeville, who stopped twice at Beaulieu on his way to and from Southampton, and discoursed to us concerning what he had seen from the reader's desk in the refectory, until there was many a good brother who got nothing but porridge and sickened were they by his strange tales."

"I would fain know, father," asked the young man, "what there may be at the end of the world?"

"There are some things," replied the Abbot gravely, "unto which I was never intended that we should inquire. But